this because it is a very important issue (*Interruptions*)

MR SPEAKER Question No 477

[*Translation*]

Computer Literacy and Studies

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*477 DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA
SHRI JAGMIT SINGH

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether a scheme for Computer Literacy and Studies in Schools was launched in 1984,

(b) if so, the number of schools where this project was launched,

(c) the expenditure incurred so far on its implementation,

(d) the number of schools where this scheme is still continuing, and

(e) whether the Government propose to seek the cooperation of private sector in this regard?

*[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) In 1984-85 248 schools were covered

(c) Rs 38 34 crores

(d) 2598 schools

(e) In the Review of the Project a question has arisen whether setting up an integrated input delivery system by involving agencies in the private sector having expertise in Computer Education would result in a more effective implementation of the Project The issue is being examined and no final decision has been taken

DR MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA Mr Speaker, Sir, while launching the pilot project regarding computer education in 1984-85 the Government had announced that this project would be implemented in this entire country However, the date furnished by the Hon Minister in this regard State that merely 248 schools have been covered under this project and a total amount of Rs 38 34 crores has been incurred on it Mr Speaker, Sir, in this context, I would like to know from the hon Minister the number of schools statewise and district wise which have been covered under it and the number of students statewise who are receiving computer education in these schools

SHRI ARJUN SINGH Sir, I can give information in this regard, provided a separate notice is given for it

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*English*]

Rise in Prices of Books

*472 SHRI UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL
SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether there has been a steep rise in the prices of academic books,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,